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Gentlemen:

The Department of Energy's (DOE) has reviewed and is concerned about your comments on the OU5 Draft Work Plan. As agreed upon at a November 11, 1991 meeting between EPA, CDH, DOE and EG&G, the Work Plan is now being revised to include a geophysical survey to delineate the old landfill, and to acknowledge the Smart Ditch drainage as an extension of OU5. We are also considering additional techniques to determine the boundaries and leakage, if any, of the old landfill. Further clarifications of characterization strategies is also addressed to satisfy some of your concerns.

Although the revision of the work plan was originally to be delivered by December 1, 1991, changes in project management have created an unforeseen delay in progress. Due to these delays and modifications, DOE proposes to deliver the work plan on December 9, 1991. While the Smart Ditch drainage will be acknowledged as being part of OU5 in the revised work plan, the actual sampling strategy for the drainage would be presented as an addendum to the work plan by January 17, 1992. Please notify DOE if these dates are acceptable.

If you have any questions, please contact Jen Pepe of my staff at 966-4765.

Sincerely,

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